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WATERMASTERS TO BEGIN READING FLOW METERS
FROM COMMERCIAL, IRRIGATION WATER USERS

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State water masters and hydrographers serving in ground water and water districts in the Magic Valley will begin reading flow meters from wells used by commercial and irrigation water users beginning Tuesday, December 30, the Idaho Department of Water Resources announced today.

The readings are being done to secure year-end meter readings which can be used to audit water use readings and reports required annually of the water users.

About 300 commercial flow meters, maintained by users that report to the West Measurement District, North Snake Ground Water District, Water District 130 or directly to IDWR will be checked. These meters are installed primarily on dairy or other commercial wells in Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls and Cassia Counties. Irrigation flow meters in all three Districts will also be checked as needed, officials said.

It is expected that the measurement effort for commercial wells will take approximately one week. Checks on irrigation wells may continue through January. District staff will only be reading meters, which are part of the measurement program and are already required to report annual diversions.

IDWR officials also emphasized that next week's audit does not relieve any affected water user of the responsibility to report their water use. Water District 130 and the West Water Measurement District have mailed year-end report forms to water users in the above counties.

If you have questions or do not receive a reporting form, please contact Cindy Yenter or Corbin Knowles at IDWR's Southern Region Office at 736-3033.

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